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### **Nurse Pleads Guilty to Obtaining Medication with Forged Prescriptions**

**Washington, D.C.** - A 49-year-old nurse, Terri Lynn Brown, of DeBlanc Place, Manassas, Virginia, pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court to obtaining a controlled substance by fraud, announced U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr., Metropolitan Police Department Chief Cathy L. Lanier, and Shawn Henry, FBI Assistant Director in Charge, Washington Field Office. The Honorable Henry H. Kennedy, Jr. will sentence Brown on August 20, 2010. Brown faces up to six months in jail under the Sentencing Guidelines.

According to the factual proffer presented to the Court by the government, between September 2006 and December 4, 2009, Brown worked as a Registered Nurse at the Medical Faculty Associates, located at The George Washington University in the District of Columbia. During that time, Brown obtained the prescription pads of three doctors and used them to write prescriptions in her name for approximately one dozen medications. Brown did not have authority to write these prescriptions, and she forged the names of the doctors on them. The forged prescriptions were paid for by Script Care, the insurance company provided to Brown during her employment at Medical Faculty Associates. In particular, on May 9, 2008, Brown forged the name of a doctor on a prescription to herself for Tamazepam, a schedule IV controlled substance.

In announcing the guilty plea, U.S. Attorney Machen, MPD Chief Lanier, and FBI Assistant Director in Charge Henry praised the hard work of former Detective Sam Woodson of the Metropolitan Police Department and Special Agents on the FBI Health Care Fraud Squad. They also acknowledged the efforts of Assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas E. Zeno, who is prosecuting this case, and the assistance of Paralegal Specialist Carolyn Cody and Legal Assistant Jared Forney.

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